

REMARKS

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 15, 2005 (Paper No. 20050706), the Assignee submits the enclosed remarks. The Office Action objected to claims 17, 27, and 32 as depending on an underlying rejected base claim, but otherwise containing allowable subject-matter. The Office Action also rejected claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53. In the Office Action, claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 were rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,140 to *Morgan* (hereinafter "*Morgan*").

Claims 1-53 are now pending in the present application. The present response traverses all of the Office Action rejections. These and other arguments are presented in the remarks below.

I. THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 (OFFICE ACTION, ¶ 9)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-31, and 33-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Morgan*. Office Action, pp. 5 - 9, ¶ 9. Independent claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48 have been amended with the element, "wherein the UCID is different from the UUID, and the UCID is capable of being distributed to a customer and the UUID is capable of being maintained without disclosure to the customer" or a similar element. The Background section of *Morgan* merely discloses the use of matching, temporary keys different from the use of a UCID and UUID as in the claimed invention. Furthermore, the Office Action concedes that *Morgan* does not disclose or suggest a concept of disseminating a different UCID to different customers while maintaining the UUID in private. No reference for such a concept, and no motivation to combine such a reference with *Morgan* has been cited by the Office Action. This concession indicates that

all limitations of amended claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48 are neither disclosed, suggested, or inherent in *Morgan*. Therefore, since *Morgan* does not teach all of the limitations of claims 1, 9, 18, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48, the Office Action fails to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Moreover, dependent claims 2 – 8, 10 – 16, 19 – 26, 29 – 31, 34 – 35, 37 – 38, 40–41, 43 – 44, and 46 – 47, and 49 – 53 are ultimately dependent from at least one of the above independent claims for which arguments of patentability have already been advanced above.

II. THE OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 17, 27, AND 32 (OFFICE ACTION, ¶¶ 10 – 11)

The Office Action indicates claims 17, 27, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17, 27, and 32 are ultimately dependent from at least one of the above independent claims for which arguments of patentability have already been advanced above.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. The Office Action rejections have been traversed by the present response. Claims 1-53 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (404) 815-6048 if such contact will facilitate a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-53. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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